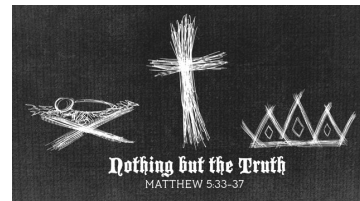


Maple Street Congregational Church United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,
You are welcome here!*



February 12, 2017 The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m.

*Childcare is offered for 3 and under during Worship at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary.
We share at 9:50 our prayers for joys and concerns. During coffee hour announcements may be given.*

PRELUDE *Adagio Cantabile* J.S. Bach
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF WELCOME



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to pray together and to praise our God!
People: We gather to join with one another on the journey of faith.
Leader: We gather to sing and to lift up our voices to God!
People: We gather to lift up one another's burdens, and know we are not alone.
Leader: We gather to follow Jesus Christ our Lord!
People: We gather to seek the wisdom of God and to share Christ's love.
Leader: Come, let us join together in worship.
People: Let us worship our God and follow our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

--Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution



*OPENING HYMN

We Gather Together

Black No. 421



*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Leader: Loving God, we seek to follow your desire and walk in your ways,
To observe your commandment Love God, love self, love others.
**People: Bless, O God, this land and all the lands of the earth,
Fill the minds and hearts of leaders with wisdom.**
Leader: As your servants may we labor for Your purposes, building
gardening, watering, reconciling, growing – peace.
**People: May we work together sister and brother, brother
And sister, as God's field, God's gift to you, to me.**

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**Please stand as you are able.*

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**Loving God, we seek to follow your desire and walk in your ways
To observe your commandments Love God, love self, love others.**

--Terri Pilarski, RevGalBlogs

In the name of the one whose life was truth and love and who taught us to pray, saying...



***THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**



***RESPONSE**

Tune: Red No. 241

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers and
make this world thy home;
descend with all thy gracious
powers, o come, great Spirit, come!**

ANTHEM--*The River of Love* (adapted from Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Pam



***HYMN**

We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed (verses 1-4)

Black No. 540

*(At the beginning of the hymn, Pre-K through 7th graders are invited to the
Education Wing for Chapel Time and Classroom Activities.
Youth grades 8 through 12 are invited to gather in the Reception Room.)*



SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

*You are invited to complete the "Connection Card" if you are new, need to update
information or have special requests*

Offertory

A Mystic Chord

John Jacobson and
Audrey Snyder



Maple Street News

Today is The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany and Congregational Meeting. Today is also Hospitality Sunday hosted by Church Growth and Food Collection Sunday (please be as generous as you are able)

9:50 am Prayers for Joys and Concerns

10:00 am Morning Worship. Babycare is offered for children 3 and under.

Congregational Meeting follows Worship. Then join your Maple Street Family to enjoy the fine fellowship and hospitality of the **Church Growth Committee**.

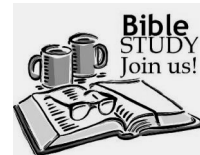
1:00 pm Girl Scouts in the Social Hall

6:30 pm Boy Scout leaders' meeting in the Social Hall



Today is the last day for children and youth to *visit the "Cuvatent" Room* where supplies await to create and share cards of care and love. Lots of materials are still available to transform into messages of love. Hope you'll join in the making!

"Walking Through the Passion Week with Jesus"
Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Kevin



Our next Bible Study with Rev. Kevin will be "Walking Through the Passion Week with Jesus." It begins during Lent on March 12th and goes through Sunday, April 2nd. The Bible study discussion group will meet after the worship service. Worship begins at 10:00 am. Those wishing to attend the discussion should grab a cup of coffee or tea in the social hall and come to the group which will be held in the Reception Room on the main floor of the church. Classes will begin about 11:30 am and last about an hour and all are welcome! No charge! If you would like further information, please contact Rev. Kevin Smith at 978-774-4510 or revkevmsc@gmail.com.

Deadline for the *inSpire* is this coming **Thursday, February 16--** please submit your contributions as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, please. You don't need to be a committee chairperson to place something in the *inSpire*. Photos of MSC activities are always welcome!



Back by popular demand! **Hymn Sing Service** in two weeks on **February 26**. Think about your favorite hymns to suggest for the worship service on that day!

Save the date: Coming soon is the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 28!**



Inserted in this bulletin is a "Prayer Request Card." Please take and complete it. Our pastors will pray for you, and our "Prayer and Table" Worship Service will pray for you.

You may submit your prayer request by leaving your card in the collection, giving it to an usher, giving it to a pastor or leaving it in the metal box on the church office door.



Prayer Requests

The next **Prayer and Table Worship Service** will be held at 6 pm on **Tuesday, February 21** in the Chapel.



Mark your calendars: The next **Men's Breakfast** will be **SUNDAY, FEB. 26th, after our church service**. Anyone who is interested in learning more about our Men's Club is invited to join us in the reception room for coffee & pastries.

This Week



Monday

6:30 pm Bear Scouts in the Social Hall
Webelos 1 in Tunnel Room 7
Webelos 2 in Rooms 23/25

Tuesday

9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall



Wednesday

4:30 pm Alleluia Morning in the Music Room

Thursday *Inspire Deadline*

7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room



Sunday **Worship at 10 am**

Reminder



Your old eyeglasses can change another person's life! If you have used **eyeglasses** you no longer need, please put them in the collection box located on the shelf in the Social Hall near the Lost and Found board. Children's eyeglasses are particularly needed.



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Our Worship Services are aired on Danvers Comcast Channel 99 and Verizon Channel 36, Sunday 10:00 am and 7:00 pm (one week delay)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10 am-2 pm; Tuesday through Thursday 9 am-2 pm; Friday 9 am-noon

Pastor Kevin Smith is available for home visitation, member weddings, funerals, memorial services, baptisms, and pastoral counseling. Pastor Pam is also available. Feel free to contact Pastor Kevin or Pastor Pam if you need a listening ear, if you want to discuss the work of the congregation, or if you would like to join Maple Street Church!

Office schedules can vary for ministers as they attend meetings, attend to church business, write and prepare for Sunday worship away from the office, visit members of the congregation, and more, so it's always wise to call or e-mail to make an appointment if at all possible. Pastor Kevin's day off is Friday. Pastor Pam's day off is Monday. Pastor Kevin's worship preparation times are Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon when he will be out of the office. Pastor Kevin is available 24/7 in case of emergencies and also has office hours on Sunday until 2pm in addition to weekdays. You can contact both at the Church Office phone listed above, the e-mails listed above, or you can contact Pastor Kevin at 978-968-5020.

***Doxology**

Red No. 64, v. 5

Let all things their creator bless, and
Worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia. Praise,
Praise the Father, Praise the Son.
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:33-37
Sirach 15:15-20

pew Bible pgs. 838-839
see the following

If you choose, you can keep the commandments,
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.
He has placed before you fire and water;
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.
Before each person are life and death,
and whichever one chooses will be given.
For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power and sees everything;
his eyes are on those who fear him,
and he knows every human action.
He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

SERMON

“Choices”

Rev. Kevin

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

I Would Be True

Black No. 492

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in the Grace of the Lord

James Barnard

POSTLUDE

March in C

Purcell

*Our Worship together concludes with the Benediction Response.
The Postlude is transitional music which inspires us as we go
forth as disciples to serve God and one another.
Worship has ended. Our Service Begins*



Welcome to Maple Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. If you are here for the first time, please fill out the "Connection Card" and pass it on to an usher or put it in the collection plate. Our ushers and greeters are happy to answer any questions. Our **Sunday School Program** for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second Hymn except on "First Sundays".

The church of disciples who welcome you!
Visit our web page at www.maplestreetchurch.org

Sunday's Servants:

Greeter: Linda Matthews

Deacon of the Month: Paul Eovacious

Ushers: Donna Mandriota, Peggy Coyne, Donna Eovacious and Bob McBride

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of Pauline Kowalski
By Daniel Kowalski*

*The flowers in the Narthex are in celebration of Gayla Bartlett's birthday
Given by Aaron, Michaela and Donna Willis*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Aviation Cadet Howard L. Lewis,
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis, Verna Lewis and Harvey Lewis
Given by Jean Lewis*

Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one. If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Priscilla Curda at 978-774-0793.

Our lighted steeple is an important symbol of our presence in the community. Your contributions in memory of loved ones and friends or to commemorate a special event help keep the steeple lighted. If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please fill out the form below and send it with \$15 per week to the church office.

I would like the steeple lighted in memory of: _____

I would like the steeple lighted in honor of: _____

Requested date (if available) to light: _____

(signed) _____ Telephone Number: _____